

Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to a field bus distribution unit (VE) designed for use in process automation technology involving several field devices. Said The unit is equipped with a microcontroller μ C, which is connected to the a field bus (FB) and transmits device-specific information of the field devices that are connected to the field bus distribution unit (VE).